

**POLES TIGHTEN WARSAW DEFENCE;
INFLICT HEAVY LOSS IN BIG BATTLE;
NO AID IN LEAGUE---LLOYD GEORGE**

Bolshevik Attacks Fail to Break Line Before Polish Capital.

FIGHTING IS GOING ON

Defenders Launch Drives in Attempt to Save Their City

SOLDAU IS CAPTURED
Peace Delegates Begin Parley
at Minsk, but No Action
Is Reported.

WARSAW, Aug. 16.—Uninterrupted fighting is going on in the valley of the Bug from its source to its confluence with the Narew River. The great battle which has just begun along the river has been marked by appreciable advantages for the Poles. They have inflicted heavy losses on

In the centre, on the lower Bug, all attacks delivered by the enemy to enable him to approach nearer the Warsaw forts were repulsed with heavy losses.

Red cavalry continues to demonstrate along the old Polish-Prussian frontier without opposition from the Poles. This operation is not connected with the battle along the Bug and cannot in any way influence the issue there, even should the Bolsheviks throw in stronger forces. It is considered that the Polish troops occupying Thorn and Graudenz and distributed along the Vistula are ample to protect the Danzig communication from any danger.

In Galicia the Poles, without pressure from the Bolsheviks, have withdrawn to the line of the Bug.

The forces defending Warsaw are now grouped as follows: The left wing, resting on the fort of Modlin (Novo Georgievsk), holds the line of the lower Narew and Bug; the centre is protected behind by the outer forts of Warsaw, occupies positions situated at distances varying from eighteen to thirty miles from the capital; the right wing commands the valley of the upper Bug. Both on the right and the left wing it is the Poles who have taken the initiative in the operations.

The Bolshevik forces which have crossed the Bug between Hrubieszow and Wlodawa have been thrown back on the right bank. On the left wing the Poles, starting from Modlin, have made a successful attack in the direction of Miawa. Thanks to this operation, the positions the Poles occupy in the fork of the Narew and Bug rivers which constitute the key defences of Warsaw, are now better protected from a flank attack threatened by the Bolshevik forces on the northwest.

**WARSAW'S CAPTURE
DOUBTED IN LONDON**
*Official News From Scene
Tells of Battle.*

LONDON, Aug. 17 (Tuesday).—The London Times cites Monday's official communique from Warsaw "as disposing of the report circulated by the

The despatch said that Soviet troops had entered Warsaw, the Polish capital, according to the Kovno (Lithuania) correspondent of the London *Times*.

The despatch added that the staff of the Fourth Bolshevik army entered Warsaw on Sunday.

Announcement that the Polish and Russian armistice and peace delegates had met at Minsk was made by Earl Curzon, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Lords today. Negotiations were doubtless proceeding, he added.

That the Russians on Sunday were pressing their fight for Warsaw within the north-eastern limits of the city, the north-east was indicated in the official statement.

ments from Moscow received to-day. They report the capture of Radsymín, in this sector, and the continuation of the battle along this front and also near Novo Georgievsk, to the northwest of Warsaw.

The capture of Soldau, about twelve miles northeast of Mlawka, near the Prussian frontier, also was announced. The statement reads:

"We captured Soldau after fierce fighting. The fighting is proceeding along the line of the River Vkrta and the regions of Novo Georgievsk and Izersk. On August 13 we captured Radzemyin. Fighting is continuing on the front of Radzemyin, Okuniewsk and Dniostro Station. The fighting in the Polotsk region is proceeding, the enemy having started an advance near Grubleskoff."

"In the Brody region our cavalry advanced near Radziechoff and Toporoff and occupied Radziechoff village. Along the River Dniester and the shores of the Black Sea there is no change."

"In the Crimean sector fighting continues on the south bank of the River Dnieper."